

Dear Mayor and Members of Guelph City Council,

I am Renette Tarrant and I am writing as a concerned resident of Guelph to urge City Council to adopt a bylaw prohibiting renovations without fair compensation to tenants. Renovation causes serious harm to residents and destabilizes entire neighbourhoods. In many cases, tenants who have lived in their homes for years are displaced with nowhere affordable to go. The reasons for this proposed bylaw are clear:

1. Preventing homelessness
2. Encouraging responsible development to landlords and developers.

I respectfully urge Guelph City Council to follow suit by developing a bylaw that prohibits renovations unless tenants receive adequate compensation or guaranteed right of return, and establishing clear penalties for landlords who misuse renovation permits to displace tenants.

Housing is more than just a roof, it's stability, dignity, and community. By taking a stand against renovations without compensation, Guelph can set a precedent for fairness and compassion across Ontario.

Thank you for your time and commitment to protecting the residents of this city.

Sincerely,

Advocator Renette Tarrant